

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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1-5. (canceled)

6. (presently amended) A lock lever device according to claim ~~5~~ 9, wherein the locking lever includes an output lever; and the linkage includes an intermediate rocking lever link responding to the rocking stroke of the locking lever, and a link rod for transmitting motion from the intermediate rocking lever link to the control selector lever, and

*21* the linkage further includes a mechanism engaging the output lever of the locking lever for pulling or pushing the intermediate rocking lever link between the midway point of the rocking stroke and a second end point of the rocking stroke of the locking lever and for idling motion of the intermediate rocking lever link between the midway point of the rocking stroke and the first end point of the rocking stroke of the locking lever.

7. (presently amended) A lock lever device according to claim ~~5~~ 6, wherein the mechanism includes a cam pin mounted on the output lever of the locking lever, and an arcuate cam groove formed in the intermediate rocking lever link, the arcuate cam groove receiving and guiding the cam pin of the output lever of the locking lever, and

the arcuate cam groove including an action transmitting cam groove portion corresponding to the rocking stroke of the output lever of the locking

lever for transmitting the pulling or pushing action to the intermediate rocking lever link, and an inaction transmitting cam groove portion corresponding to the rocking stroke of the output lever of the locking lever for transmitting no motion to the intermediate rocking lever link.

8. (presently amended)      A lock lever device according to claim ~~5~~ 7, wherein the locking lever includes a toggle spring for biasing rocking action along the action transmitting cam groove portion and the inaction transmitting cam groove portion in opposite rocking directions from an intermediate position of the arcuate cam groove.

9. (new)      A lock lever device for a working implement drive control system of a construction machine vehicle, the construction machine vehicle comprising a driver's seat and a passageway to the driver's seat; and the lock lever device comprising a locking lever being located adjacent to the passageway to the driver's seat, a control selector lever for switching the working implement drive control system between controllable and uncontrollable states by operating the locking lever, and a linkage that links the locking lever and the control selector lever together;

the locking lever blocking passage through the passageway to the driver's seat when switched to the controllable state and permitting passage through the passageway to the driver's seat when switched to the uncontrollable state;

the locking lever and the linkage providing a rocking stroke for operating the locking lever between a first end point and a second end point and through a midway area located between the first and second end points; and

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the linkage keeping the control selector lever in a controllable state in an area between the first end point and the midway area of the rocking stroke of the locking lever; and the linkage idling the control selector lever in an area from the midway area to the second end point of the rocking stroke of the locking lever, so that the control selector lever is kept in an uncontrollable state in the area from the midway area to the second end point of the rocking stroke of the locking lever.

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